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THE "WET" AS TERRIBLE AS THE "DRY"

SECRET SUPPLY

"Fair and wet." This, in spite of the disease of Old John Barleycorn, is the cheerful forecast for many New Year's merry-makers, who will usher in the infant 1920 with song and feasting. "Fair" is the prediction of the weather man. "Wet" is the long cherished plan of many ing and cherishing the precious wherewithal for the past six months.

Many a priceless bowl will be tapped for the occasion and the usual festivities will take place in theatres, hotels and restaurants.

It will be the first New Year to be celebrated here, but there'll be no dry weather to come and so Bostonians are planning to "make the most" of what they yet may spend; and pour their libations, which in many cases will be real CELEBRATIONS COSTLY.

A really big New Year's party cost more than ever before. Not merely because the income tax looms so large in the future, but for other reasons. For one thing, the hotels are making money out of the New Year's party. In the busy days when the land is covered with previous fluids that are now contraband, the amount of his reservation in "cash" and "credit" is high.

Presumably, he may do as this year but when he has to pay for the "cash" of the party, he will find that the "cash" of the party is not so much as he thought it would be. The "cash" of the party is not so much as he thought it would be. The "cash" of the party is not so much as he thought it would be.

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Staid Old Versailles Will Be Gay Tonight

By International News Service.

Paris, Dec. 31.—Despite the protests of many prominent persons, the staid city of Versailles will be invaded tonight by thousands of New Year's eve revelers from Paris, because the authorities have allowed to remain open until 1 a. m., whereas in Paris they are compelled to close at 11:30.

The Versailles Hotel, where the German peace delegates lived, has been booked up by a great number of wine parties and the merry cries of the drinkers will echo in the very shadow of the palace where the peace treaty was signed.

The American dancing club at Neuilly, which was recently raided by the police, has been reopened and is also booked up to the limit. Some of the Paris theatres and dancing palaces, anxious to hold their trade, announced that their choruses of wealthy attire would mingle with the guests. It was regarded as unlikely, however, that the wild revels of the New Year's Eve would be repeated.

LEADS WORLD IN NUMBER OF MURDERS

Influenza Germ Greatest of Slayings, Declares Professor RIVERS of Johns Hopkins

One of the most desperate murders in the history of the world is at large, and scientists thus far have been unable to locate him. This terrible truth was brought out today by Professor T. M. Rivers of Johns Hopkins Hospital, Baltimore, who addressed the society of American bacteriologists, now holding their twenty-first annual convention at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

This criminal is the germ responsible for the influenza epidemic, according to Professor Rivers. "What is an influenza bacillus?" he asked. "It is a small, rod-shaped organism, about the size of a needle point, and it is the most deadly of all known bacteria. It is the cause of the influenza epidemic, which has killed more people than any other disease in the world."

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FOUR NEW POLICE FORCE

Men Behind New Union Plan to Demand Wage Increase

In another chapter of secret government orders, police headquarters announced that four members of the new police force had resigned from the force.

It is not known whether these men voluntarily resigned or were requested to leave the force for the good of the department.

Strict secrecy is maintained at headquarters over the matter.

Those who have resigned are said to be at the root of the trouble which has led to the attempted formation of some sort of a police union. It has been unavailing. It is known, however, that such an organization is being made.

PROVE NEW IS INSANE

By Talbot Service.

Los Angeles, Cal., Dec. 31.—Eleven witnesses for the defense, all irrational, today testified that Harry New, Jr., was insane. It is not known, at the time of the trial, whether the jury will believe the testimony.

There was discussion regarding the holding of trial sessions but no decision was reached. The jury was generally agreed among counsel, however, that the case would not go to the jury before Monday or Tuesday.

That New was "irrational," "insane," "not of sound mind" and "not responsible for his acts" were the testimony given by deputy clerks, clerks and prisoners associated with the prisoner at the county jail. Some of the witnesses had seen him talk to New shortly after the crime was committed.

UNVEIL BURNS STATUE IN FENS TOMORROW

Judge Robert Grant will deliver the address when the statue of William Pitt Rivers is unveiled at the Fens tomorrow. The statue is the work of the Fens Improvement Commission.

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DIVORCE DENIED TO WELLESLEY PHYSICIAN

Dr. George C. Anthony of Wellesley lost his suit for divorce brought against Mrs. Hattie Anthony of Bangor, Me., on grounds of cruelty, by decision of Judge Risk in the Superior court at Taunton today. The case was tried last week and Judge Risk took the matter under advisement. Today the suit was dismissed.

At the trial Mrs. Anthony denied all the allegations, and in turn brought charges of cruelty. She said that Dr. Anthony had seduced her and that she had been forced to live with him for a long time.

WANTS STATE TO CENSOR ALL MOVIES

A bill for the censorship of movies is being introduced in the Massachusetts legislature. The bill is the work of the Massachusetts Censorship Commission.

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CATS HAVE THEIR DAY AT THE NEW YORK SHOW



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Return This Lad's Bathrobe and Make Him Happy

Who found Richard's bathrobe? Richard, who is only eight, is mourning the loss of a brand-new Christmas present, but feels confident that the person who found it on an elevated train will return it and that a little boy's disappointment. Here is his letter, received today by the American Express Co.

"Dear Father—Dear Mother—I brought me a bathrobe for Christmas but it was too small for me, so my papa took it to the store to change it, and when he was taking it home in one of the elevated trains he left it on the train. Please put this in your paper as the one that found it will return it and get a reward. I am eight years old. My brother's name is Richard. The letter is signed 'Richard' and the address is 'Richard, 1212 Broadway, New York City'."

GIRL WHO GOT IN BROWN CASE, SAYS OFFICER

Mrs. Vester Convinces Mr. Clemens Sheriff That She Didn't Kill Him

By International News Service.

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BOSTON—THE CITY OF BEAUTIFUL HOMES



What our visiting business man, Mr. Newcomer, has to say about Boston as a place to live in.

Dear Randall:

I spent yesterday motoring through Boston and its suburbs to ascertain what sort of living and housing conditions it has to offer both employer and employees. And I want to say right here that Boston has the most beautiful suburbs I have ever seen!

Good living conditions, which assure comfort and health to the worker, are one of the biggest factors making for his or her greater efficiency, and here in Boston these conditions are certainly as near ideal as it is possible to have them in any city.

We drove over mile after mile of splendid macadam roads, past hundreds of cozy cottages and many handsome mansions, with shrubbery, green lawns, foliage and flowers everywhere. An appearance of comfort and homeliness, of friendly, wide-awake, clean community spirit struck me at every turn.

Here were God's fresh air and healthful sunlight in abundance, with plenty of comfortable homes for both workers and employers, away from the dirt and noise of the city, and yet so closely connected to it by a network of trolley and steam lines that you can reach your place of business with the minimum of delay. And rents, I learn, are lower than in most other big cities.

I tell you, Randall, I am enthusiastic over Boston as a peerless "city of homes"!

Your partner,

J. A. Newcomer

This Is a Roll of Honor, Representing Boston's Progressive Business Firms. Deal With These Concerns; No One Can Serve You Better!

American Woolen Co.
The Atlantic Printing Co.
Bay State Fishing Co.
Largest Producers of Fresh Fish in U. S.
Bigelow, Kennard Co.
Jewelry and Silverware.
Bonbright & Co., Inc.
Boston Confectionery Company
Boston Consolidated Gas Co.
Braman Dow and Co.
Distributors of National Quality Steel Pipe.
Brown, Durrell Co.
Wholesale Dry Goods.

Brown-Howland Co.
Office Equipment.
Citizens National Bank
Cobb, Bates & Yerxa Company
Commonwealth Ice and Cold Storage Co.
Commonwealth Trust Co., Boston
Downes Lumber Co., Boston
Lumber of Every Description for Every Purpose.
J. Sumner Draper
Real Estate Operations.
Mark Temple Dowling
C. E. Fay-Allen Co.
Children and Maxwell Motor Cars.
First Motor Sales Company of New England
Distributors of Fiat and Columbia Six Cars.
Fidelity Trust Co.
Federal Trust Co.
First National Bank of Boston.
Franklin Motor Car Co.

Gillette Safety Razor Co.
Gray & Davis, Inc.
Hallet & Davis Piano Co.
C. F. Hathaway & Sons
Makers of Hathaway's Brand.
Henderson & Ross.
The Henley-Kimball Co.
Hudson and Essex Motor Cars.
Charles J. Jager Co.
"Pumps to Pump Anything."
Jordan Marsh Company.
Lincoln Motor Co.
Six Motor Cars and Trucks.
Merchants National Bank.
Metropolitan Trust Co. of Boston.
Mills, Alden A.
Needham Tire Co.
National Shawmut Bank of Boston.

Old Colony Trust Co.
Oliver Dilon Company.
Headquarters for Everything in Metals.
Packard Motor Car Company of Boston.
Paine Furniture Co.
S. S. Pierce Company.
Thomas G. Plant Company.
Green Quality Shoes.
Quincy Market Cold Storage and Warehouse Co.
William Read & Sons, Inc.
"The Great Outdoor Store."
C. P. Rookwell, Inc.
Nash Cars and Trucks.
Sherwin Wool Co.
Graded Woollen Hosiery.
Swift-McNutt Co.
See England's Largest Building Wreckers.
Terminal Wharf & Railroad Warehouse Co.
Thayer McNeill Company.
High Grade Footwear.
Thomson-Crocker Shoe Co.
"Makers of Women's Footwear."

The Second National Bank of Boston.
Trimont Mfg. Co.
Trunk Makers.
United Drug Co., Controlling Liggett Drug Stores.
United States Color & Chemical Co., Inc.
Warren Soap Mfg. Company.
Webster & Atlas National Bank of Boston.
Willard Welsh Reilly Co., Inc.
Furniture and Porcelain Store.
W. W. Winship.
Trunks, Bags, Leather Goods. Wholesale and Retail.
Woodruff, Fred C., Inc.
Commercial Steel Eddy.

BEST WISHES FOR WORLD PEACE KEYNOTE IN NEW YEAR GREETINGS

NATIONAL, STATE AND CITY LEADERS SEND MESSAGES

The world's cry is for peace. Leaders in all walks of life sound this message as their predominant New Year's wish. They plead for an ending of all strife.

The American has received New Year's messages from Governors, Cabinet officers and many others internationally known.

All express the hope of world happiness which can only come through world harmony. The messages follow:

GOVERNOR COOLIDGE:
The continued welfare of my country. The security and continuity of the faith of the fathers. The respect of youth for all things good. The reverence of age for all things holy.

CARL E. MILLIKEN, Governor of Maine:
I wish the establishment of a genuine national budget system and the election of a Republican President.

JOHN H. BARTLETT, Governor of New Hampshire:
An early ratification of the peace treaty and a speedy return to good old-fashioned American conditions in business and otherwise.

R. LIVINGSTON BEECKMAN, Governor of Rhode Island:
I wish the treaty of peace, with proper reservations, were settled so we could settle down to business with renewed prosperity and I am sure we would all be happy after the terrible ordeal through which we passed with credit to our boys.

NEWTON D. BAKER, Secretary of War:
New Year wish is that our country may have new and abundant opportunities for making and using them generally.

RAMSEY GOMPERS, president of the American Federation of Labor:
The recent years have been full of pain and sacrifice but they have been for the people of a country great in its past services and in its present leadership among men.

"K. C. B." (Kenneth C. Beaton):
My New Year wish is that those who serve us in public life may come to realize that legislation which has for its end the health and welfare of the growing boy and girl is of greater potential importance than in legislation affecting the material welfare of the present generation of men and women.

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What the world needs is more knowledge and wider distribution of what knowledge we have. Civilization is never higher than the average education. What the millions know, not what a few know, is what counts.

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I wish for the substitution of wholesome killing; an end to competitive armaments; the destruction of economic imperialism; justice to small people, and all the other great benefits that wait on the formation of the League of Nations.

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I regard the compromise on the reservations and early establishment of a League of Nations as the most important thing before us for the New Year. It will enable us to aid in promotion of world peace, and at the same time turn our attention to the solution of pressing domestic problems.

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more. May 1929 be kind—and quick—in the matter of ratification. And the nation may forget they are anti, very soon, just as they have in other states.

MAJ. HENRY ELLIOTT:
My predominant New Year wish is that the thirty-six States shall ratify the Federal amendment in time for the election of the country to ratify at Presidential election of 1920, and that "Little Shanty" will ratify on first day the General Assembly meets.

MAJ. GENERAL C. M. EDWARDS, commanding the Northeastern Department, United States Army:
My chief wish for the New Year is to see the youths of this country prepared for citizenship, and using the army during peace time, with the present increased educational advantages, as an opportunity in the training of that citizenship.

MR. REV. WILLIAM LAWRENCE, Episcopal Bishop:
My ruling wish is that the whole people come to a better understanding of each other's ideals, motives and difficulties, that there may be a common good will, which alone can bring peace.

JOSEPH H. O'NEILL, president of the Federal Trust Company of Boston:
Health, wealth and prosperity for the American people. And that all have it if they all work.

WILLIAM F. FITZGERALD, State street broker:
My wish is that the newspapers open a campaign of publicity to show what our people are doing. We must consider the needs of Europe as well as our own. Europe must come to us for relief. It is who would reap a harvest must do it by hard work.

WILLIAM M. WOOD, president American Woollen Company:
My greatest wish for the New Year is that the cordial relationship of normal confidence and good will and mutual helpfulness which now exists between employees and the management of the American Woollen Company may grow stronger and stronger as the years go by.

RENAUD J. ROTHWELL, an inventor:
My wish is that the auto send promised me for last September will be delivered shortly after January 1. For the first time in twelve years I have no car at all and I am lonesome.

LEWIS H. SULLIVAN of the Governor's Council:
I wish that Baker would stop kidding the public that Edward is a candidate for President and would give him what rightfully belongs to him.

ALICE STONE BLACKWELL:
Twenty-two States have already passed the Federal Suffrage Amendment. All we need are 14 more.

COLONEL M. G. WHARTLE, chief of staff at Northeastern Department:
Universal military training of all youth of the land with the view of making them good citizens and the public supervision of health of all boys that such a system is being about.

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That the army may bill.

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After ten years of the strenuous life I wish for a quiet year that will give me a chance to rest our breath and catch up.

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and learn to seek a remedy for their age-old problems in the life and teachings of the carpenter's son of Nazareth, so that "Love One Another" may be acted at or followed no longer in this

REV. DR. D. M. LOCKNOW, of Tremont Temple:
I realize every alien after he has been here two years, if he is unwilling to become naturalized, push him out of the country. We want nothing in this country but Americans, and we want them to show their hand in public affairs.

EAMONN DE VALERA, President of the Irish Republic:
My New Year's wish is freedom for Ireland and for all nations subject to foreign rule.

JAMES A. DORSEY, vice-president of the Charitable Irish Society and treasurer of the Committee of Irish and Irish-American Friends:
My dominant New Year's wish is that Ireland may realize that Ireland is not, never was, and never can be, a willing servant, associate, nor partner in the house of John Bull & Company.

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About Copper Money

By E. PHILLIPS OPPENHEIM

How the Story Starts

CHAPTER III.

* "Hullo? Who's that?" he in-

Philip began to feel more sure of himself. The situation, after all, he realized, was not exactly alarming.

"Very kind of you," he said. "My arrangements are all made now, though, and I can't interfere with them."

With Quotations

"Well, I'm going to bother you with a few quotations, anyway. See here. I'll just now quote to you

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By Peter
B. Kyne

advantage for you to own it."

"I am making no admissions," Pennington responded enigmatically. "nor any hauling contracts for

*Pardon me for disagreeing with

"And to add insult to injury, he spouted a lot of rot about his big trees, how much they meant to him, and the utter artistic horror of running a logging-train through the

IT FELL with a plop, sputtered, ♦

"You are a cool one," he said almost grimly. "I'd have let that blooming bell go on ringing."

"Madame send me for ze dish," † h

"Mr. Harrison was just speaking telephonically to ask Mr. and Mrs. [redacted] down," I said. "So we'll let you be our messenger after you've

Smile told me Val Cosby's maid

Not by a jugful!" he cried. "We're old marrieds, and a little of that 'alone together' stuff goes a long way. A cozy meal and then I'll be in the neighbors and start the phonograph."

“The thing you know, little girl,” re-
plied Jim.

FABERY'S

At Drug and Department
Stores

sition to suggest."



Get it by the Case
73 HARVARD ST.
Boston, Mass.

"Never."

"Well—we're not going out of business."

the park. He expects the city to grow up to it during the next

Money back if it fails. The genuine box has a Red top with Mr. Hill's picture.

At All Drug Stores

Sure! Jim laughed derisively, as he shook out the match he was still

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23 Madison St., E. Boston.
The prescription, DR. TRENN KINER,
The Family Laxative and Worm Expeller,
has done wonders for sick people,
men, women and children. AT ALL
DEALERS.

ment smiling—then he disappeared into the living room. In a

The Soap, Ointment and Talcum 25c each everywhere. For sample of each free address: "Cuticura, Dept. IV, Malden, Mass."

cheering up at once. "I'd love dance."

NR **TO-NI**
Tomorrow
Get a 25

Robert Zaffrey
Pharmacist
1000 Broadway, N. York, N.Y.



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New Showing "Oh! Such a Nut"

Two Cal.....Olive Oyl
The Villain.....Wido Wormwood
The Nut.....Harold Hanger



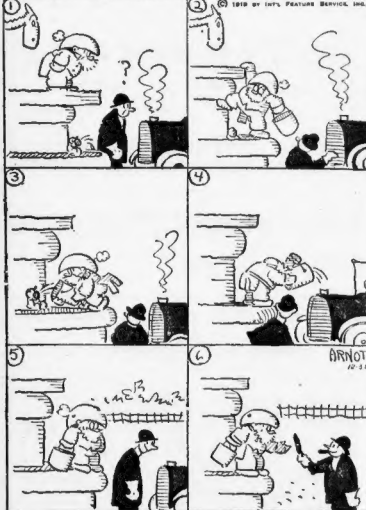
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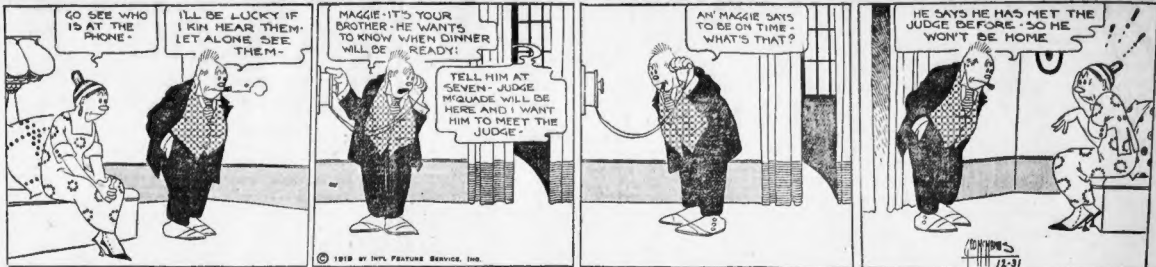
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DEAR MR. KABIBBLE,
IS IT ALL RIGHT TO GET MARRIED ON NEW YEAR'S DAY?
YES—BUT WHY START THE NEW YEAR WRONG?

BRINGING UP FATHER

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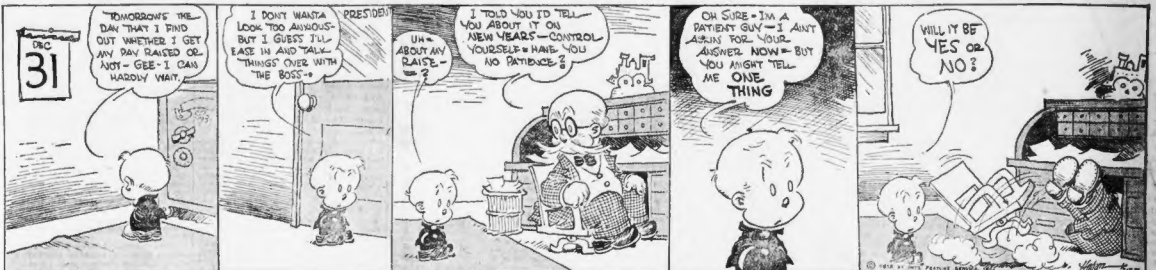
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He Just Wants an Inking of the Reply

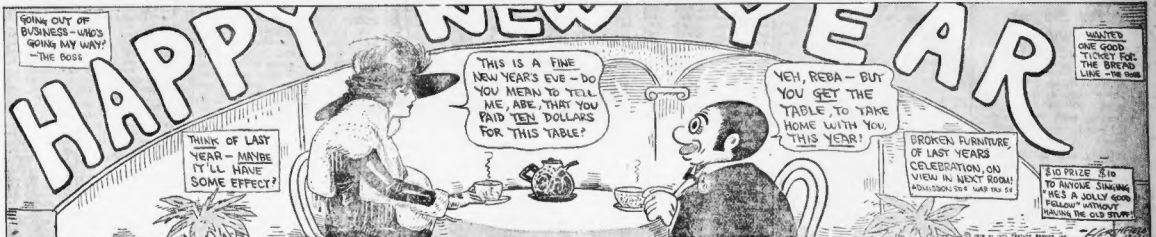


ABIE THE AGENT

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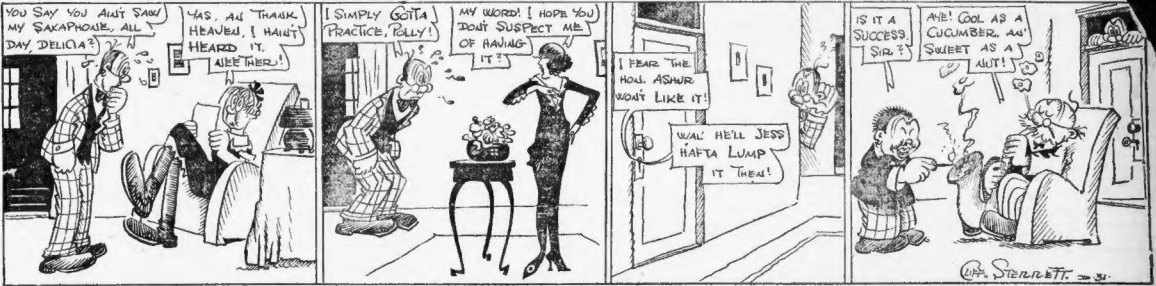
Be as Happy as You Can



POLLY AND HER PAIS

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There's More Than One Use for a Saxophone



BOOBY HATCH

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Most Unreasonable on the Part of This Gent



HON AND DEARIE

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Best Wishes!



By Cosmo Hamilton

SAVE 60¢ ON THE DOLLAR
Men's Bargains—Students' Cloth
112 Elliot St., Next Plymouth The

Golden Rule Is Good Rule of Action to Adopt for the New Year

Tomorrow is the first day of the New Year. An immortal custom it is to make good resolutions on this day and to bring those strange psychic forces, of which we know so little except in their results, to bear upon our desires by expressing a wish which concentrates our minds upon them.

It is hard to select from among the great mass of good resolutions which rise to our minds the few that we can express. But the golden rule is really all comprehensive as a rule of action both for the individual and for the nation. If we express the wish never to do anything either as individuals or as a nation to any other individual or nation which we would not want that individual or nation to do to us and never to neglect to do for any other individual or nation to do to us in like circumstances, we shall have little to regret as an individual or as a nation one year from today when the coming year draws to a close.

Let us hope that the observation of the Golden Rule may make us frugal, may restore to us the liberty of the press, and freedom of speech and of peaceful assembly which our forefathers tried to make secure to us in the Constitution of the United States and of the several States.

Let us hope that our property may continue and that poverty and want may disappear in America. Let us hope that the leaders of the unhappy starving people of Europe may lay aside their schemes of aggrandizement and imperialism and accept as a working principle the precept that might does not make right, and that prosperity is to be had by force of arms and that liberty and the right of peoples to govern themselves is not to be denied by outside powers for selfish motives so that America may be able prudently to help those who need our aid wherever we find them.

Memorial Headquarters for New England Soldiers

On the week beginning January 12th, friends of the Yankees (the Twenty-sixth) Division, composed of New England boys, will begin a campaign to raise \$200,000 as a memorial to our New England soldiers of the great war.

This memorial is to be a modern clubhouse on St. Botolph street, a convenient location in the Back Bay of Boston. It is planned to start with a sinking fund of at least \$100,000. General Clarence R. Edwards, whom every soldier in his division likes so much, has charge of the financial and Brigadier-General Charles H. Cole has charge of the organization part of the campaign. The committees are made up of ex-soldiers and civilians and there is to be an auxiliary committee of women, headed by Mrs. Edwards, wife of the division commander. Subscriptions are solicited from all patriotic individuals, clubs and societies.

Is there any doubt that these soldiers will be able, from the good will of New England citizens, to secure for themselves a home? There are innumerable social lounging clubs in New England which cost more than is asked for this headquarters of the New England soldiers. If there should be a failure on the part of the people of New England to raise the money for this clubhouse for men, all of whom risked their lives and many of whom lost their limbs or suffered other casualties, while we remained in comfort and unusual prosperity at home, the expensive clubhouses which are to be found in all our cities will stand as a mark of dishonor to the community.

These soldiers should have a clubhouse if every other social clubhouse in New England had to sell out to make up the cost of the Yankee Division memorial. In every way it is desirable to make these young men understand how much we appreciate their service.

No doubt the will on the part of the public to make the effort successful is there. It is only a question of organization to make it effective.

Referendum on Changes in U. S. Constitution

Representative Kenyon of Boston proposes a bill providing that an expression of public opinion on any proposed amendment to the Constitution of the United States shall be taken by a referendum to the voters before the Legislature acts on the question.

This is a sound and democratic proposal. The Constitution of Massachusetts cannot be changed by the Legislature without the approval of the people of Massachusetts, but the Constitution of Massachusetts can be changed by the people without the approval of the Legislature.

Unfortunately, the Constitution of the United States was framed before the Initiative and Referendum was known and at a time when constitutions themselves were made and adopted by convention, save in Massachusetts. The authority that ratifies an amendment to this Constitution is the Legislature of the States and not the people.

Until the Constitution is amended so that the ratifying power shall be the people and not the Legislature all we can do is to provide for an expression of public opinion so that the Legislature may be advised on the question. Then, since the Legislature is supposed to represent public opinion, we may assume that its action will be according to their advice.

Wood Alcohol Fatalities

The awful fatalities which have followed the drinking of bad whiskey and wood alcohol ought to be a warning to our people especially to our young men, who have not become the slaves of intoxicating drink, to avoid it like poison in the future, for, of course, it is poison.

All intoxicating liquor from now on will be made under illicit conditions and will be full of danger to those who drink it. When you are tempted with a drink think of the dead and the blind who have been tempted before you.

Resolves—For 1920

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By T. E. Powers



More Truth Than Poetry



BACKWARD, TURN BACKWARD

(A Variation)

By S. E. KISER

BACKWARD, turn backward, O Time, in your flight,
Make it all seem but a spook-haunted night;
Bring back the prices they mention no more—
Eight cents for sugar and ham twenty-four;
Bring back the days when the barbers cut hair
For twenty-five cents and considered it fair;
Bring back the days when the prices were cheap—
Make living cheap again—make living cheap!

BACKWARD, flow backward, O Tide of the years!

We are weary of striving to please profiteers—
Toll without recompense, hoping in vain,
Daily new burdens to add to the strain;
We have grown weary of trying to pay,
With no chance of putting a dollar away,
Weary of wading in muck that is deep—
Bring back the days when existence was cheap.

TAXES have come through the years that have flown,

We figure and worry and mumble and moan;
The exchequer we get for our children we use
In six months or less to provide them with shoes;
We hardly recover from one racking pain
Before there's a busting of prices again—
Backward, O Time, let the pendulum sweep
To the days when the cost of existing was cheap.

OUR clothes have grown threadbare and ragged and old,

Our Liberty Bonds at a discount are sold;
To pay for the stuff that they tell us is coal;
They are steadily crushing us, body and soul!
If we say it is wrong they get angry and shout
That unless we can like it we ought to move out.
Carry us backward tonight, while we sleep,
To the halcyon season when living was cheap.



CARRY THE NEWS TO YOUR UNCLE.
It is always darkest just before the dawn.

Y^e TOWNE GOSSIP

By K. C. B.

IN ONE of a row.
OF BROWN stone fronts.
WE HAVE some friends.
AND DOWN in the basement.
THEY HAVE a furnace.
AS BROWN stone fronts.
MOST ALWAYS have.
AND IN this home.
THERE LIVES a cat.
A MALTESE cat.
WHO MAKES few friends.
OF HUMAN folk.
BUT THOSE it has.
IT LIVES well.
AND PURRS for them.
AND OF strange cats.
IT HAS no friends.
AND WHEN nights come.
AND LIGHTS are dimmed.
AND "MOOFIE" folks.
GO OFF to bed.
THEN "MOOFIE" goes.
MOST MOURNFULLY.
DOWN BASEMENT stairs.
AND TO his bed.
AND THERE'S a window.
LOOKING OUT.
INTO a yard.
THIS BAREMENT place.
AND THERE'S a hole.
THAT SOMEONE cut.
SO IN the night.
IF HE so will.
OUR "MOOFIE" cat.
VAY GO outside.
AND PURRL around.
AND THIS is where.
THIS CAT has lived.
FOR MOST a year.
AND NO strange cat.

HAS EVER dared.
TO ENTER there.
UNTIL LAST week.
WHEN IT was cold.
AND HIGH winds blew.
AND DEEVY cats.
THAT HAVE no homes.
WERE DRIVEN hard.
FOR SHELTERING place.
AND ON one day.
WHILE IT was cold.
AND MORNING came.
THE MASTER man.
WHO IS the king.
WHERE "MOOFIE" dwells.
WENT DOWN the stairs.
TO MEET on coal.
AND OPEN drafts.
AND WARM the house.
AND TURNED the switch.
AND THERE was light.
AND "MOOFIE" purred.
AND WHERE he lay.
WERE NINE more cats.
POOR ALLEY cats.
WHO HAD no homes.
AND LATER on.
THEY ALL were fed.
WHILE "MOOFIE" watched.
AND PURRED a song.

After thinking the story over, I
felt a little sorry for the Duke.
The heroine married him, it seems,
for her father's sake and she was
material aid he could give them.
Yet she hated him from the first.
The married him for his wealth,
yet was ungrateful-like enough
not to keep her husband.
Her sudden mood tended only to
irritate the Duke, and he acted
brutally and his very worst side
came uppermost. He gets a par-
alytic stroke and on his recovery
he finds his wife in love with
Clive Herbert. Instead of feeling
tickled to death at this state of
affairs, he developed (after a
short time) a wheel chair) a sort
of Michaellovan attitude. From
the way he spoke on the side the
lovers were going to slope, we'll
have to admit he knew a thing or
two.
Furthermore, we are of the
opinion that had he tried to get
underneath the Duke's sarcastic
veiler, she might have made a
man of him, and we certainly
think he would have been very
pleased to have given him half the
affection she did Herbert.

SOLVING THE "MIRACLE OF LOVE" PROBLEM

Many send answers in Boston American's \$1,000 Prize Contest.

MANY letters have been received in the Boston American's \$1,000 prize contest for the best solution of the problem presented in "The Miracle of Love," the film romance from Come Hamilton's great story now being shown in leading motion picture theatres. The following letters have been selected at random. The names of the writers are purposely omitted. The contest ends at noon today.

Dared to Wait

Real lovers (soul mates) dare to wait. They are not permitted to forget that they are in all to each other to eternity, and often they must learn to be happy before they can find true happiness together. That as two they form one center for the radiation of love to all. That only as they pour out in service to others does the Holy Spirit bless them. The love that costs out all four can only take possession of the hearts of animals through the hard trainings of separation.

Only Right Way

I can truthfully say that I would have done as the young lady in the play. It is a very hard struggle at times, but it is the only worth-while way in the long run. Faith and Trust go hand-in-hand. To keep one's love good and true is the most precious object to a good woman's heart. Love is the only thing that is the great righter of wrong, and there you have the greatest thing in the world, "The Miracle of Love."

Has Same Problem

Helen was true to her bonds to the end. I say if I was in as an end of the kind I would do the very same. I know what I am writing, on the same line. I'm married one year on Jan. 10, 1920. I'm twenty-four. My husband is thirty-four. So when I say I know what it is, I know. And I say I shall be true to him as long as I live. I think of him again until I'm free. Oh, if that day ever comes it would be too good to be true, but let's hope I do as well as the girl in the picture.

Make Life Pleasant

After seeing "The Miracle of Love" and thinking it over carefully, I would live like him anyway, although he didn't seem pleasant for me. Still, if I knew I had the love of another man I would live in hope that some day I would enjoy it, and try to make life as pleasant as I could for the man who was my husband. I will admit that it would be hard with a man like the Duke of Harwich.

Suffer Silently

Love is the greatest power in the world; it rules the universe. God so loved the world that he gave His only son to suffer and die for all mankind that so all might be saved.
Who can deny this fact? What is greater than a good, true mother's love for her child? There is only one greater, and that is the love that rules the world. If I had married the Duke of Harwich and found out that he cared for someone else, my pride and self-respect would assert itself. I would want to return the respect of my husband as well as the respect of my soulmate, therefore I would suffer within myself and love silently.
Love endures all that is pure, good and noble. The word alone gives peace to the soul.
Through love I would want to save my soulmate from scandal, and therefore, I would love silently.
Time heals the aching heart and all things adjust themselves for the best in time.

Stick to Hargain

After thinking the story over, I felt a little sorry for the Duke. The heroine married him, it seems, for her father's sake and she was material aid he could give them. Yet she hated him from the first. The married him for his wealth, yet was ungrateful-like enough not to keep her husband. Her sudden mood tended only to irritate the Duke, and he acted brutally and his very worst side came uppermost. He gets a paralytic stroke and on his recovery he finds his wife in love with Clive Herbert. Instead of feeling tickled to death at this state of affairs, he developed (after a short time) a wheel chair) a sort of Michaellovan attitude. From the way he spoke on the side the lovers were going to slope, we'll have to admit he knew a thing or two.

Furthermore, we are of the opinion that had he tried to get underneath the Duke's sarcastic veiler, she might have made a man of him, and we certainly think he would have been very pleased to have given him half the affection she did Herbert.

ASTRONOMY NEEDED IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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SOME time ago I wrote of a boy, an astronomical club in New York City, formed by a young enthusiast. Since then I have found a boy astronomer in my own hallway, twenty miles east of New York. He is a public school boy, about a dozen years old. He came to my house one afternoon recently to inquire about a comet which he had heard would be in perihelion that night.

He had had no advantages above his fellow in school, had had almost no guidance in the study except such as he could obtain from a popular book on the stars and from occasional articles and items in newspapers, but he had become acquainted with many of the constellations, was trying to make a telescope with a couple of lenses, one of them from a broken-down camera, and was as eagerly interested by the presence of a comet in the sky as an ordinary country boy would be by a racoon in a trap.

Respected By Fellows

I met him and talked with him afterward in the presence of some of his young companions, and their inactive but all-attentive, although he by no way invited or demanded it, being as whole-hearted a playfellow as any of them, served to assure me of the genuineness of his interest in the subject that had caught and fired his imagination. His school-fellows knew that it was genuine, and recognized, too, that there was something a little beyond their range. But it awoke their admiration, not their envy.

On the morning of November 22 this budding Herschel telephoned to me that he could see the moon on the edge of the sun. It was the annular eclipse, which occurred on that day. In this part of the world so little of the eclipse would be visible that probably very few, if any, astronomical amateurs saw preparations or attempted to observe what there was of it. Besides that, around New York, at least, the sky was heavily clouded. For my part, I confess that I had not even thought of the eclipse that morning. On hearing from my young friend, I immediately tried to look up the date. It was too thickly covered. Then, over the telephone:

Boy Will Have Reward

"How did you see the eclipse? The sun is hidden in clouds."

"I was watching for it, and I found it this place."

I do not make any prediction as to what this boy may become as he grows up. But even if he never becomes a noted astronomer, he will have his reward, for he will never be a commonplace man after such a start. He has shown well, and his name has urged him well. When, at his age, the mind has been lifted above the dust, and released by contemplation of the immensities of the universe, it can never be abated.

Sometimes I feel like looking the schools because they pay so little attention to instruction in the most inspiring of all intellectual studies; but it must be admitted that they appear to have little material to work upon. However, I believe that that appearance is deceptive. There are few boys or girls imbued with the native interest in astronomy shown by my young friend, but there are few who would not feel a great deal of interest if pains were taken to call their attention to the simplest astronomical phenomena.

The stars are always overhead, the sun crosses the sky every day, there are several eclipses each year, comets are not very rare phenomena, nebulae appear much more frequently than most persons imagine, and before we know it things there is the imposing and magnificent array of phenomena attained by the highest efforts of the human mind, seeking to solve the problems of the universe. Any intelligent person can readily grasp these results in their general sense, and by doing so will enormously enhance the interests and the real value of his life upon the earth.

That there is an innate tendency could easily be developed into an active desire to inquire about the many complaints that I hear to this effect, "nobody ever told me about such things when I was in school; or, 'I wish I had had a chance to study that when I was young.'"